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SUBJECT: MINISTERS VISIT EAST TIMOR

1. A TEAM OF MINISTERS INCLUDING COORDINATING MINISTER FOR ECONOMY, FINANCE AND INDUSTRY WIDJOJO, DEFENSE AND SECURITY MINISTER JUSUF, FINANCE MINISTER ALI WARDHANAN, PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER PURNOMOSIDI, AND OTHER OFFICIALS VISITED EAST TIMOR JUNE 26/27. THE MINISTERS REPORTEDLY WANTED TO OBSERVE FIRST-HAND CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PROVINCE AND STUDY CONDITIONS IN THE REGION BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

2. DEFENSE MINISTER JUSUF ANNOUNCED THAT THE PORT OF DILI, AND BAUCAU AND COMORO (DILI) AIRPORTS WOULD BE REOPENED SOON AFTER THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROVINCE'S INTEGRATION INTO INDONESIA IN JULY. WITH THE AVAILABILITY OF THE PORTS, THE MINISTER ADDED, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN
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EAST TIMOR WAS EXPECTED TO PROGRESS RAPIDLY. JUSUF OBSERVED THAT THE PROVINCE NEEDED A PUSH TO BE ABLE TO CATCH UP WITH OTHER PROVINCES. HE SAID THE ROAD LINKING DILI WITH KUPANG IN WEST TIMOR NEEDED RESURFACING BECAUSE OF ITS IMPORTANCE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGION.

3. PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER PURNOMOSIDI TOLD THE MABASSADOR

JUNE 29 THAT HE HAD IDENTIFIED AN URGENT NEED FOR BASIC REPAIR TO EXISTING ROADS OR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROADS TOTALLING 1,600 KILOMETERS. WORK ON 300 KILOMETERS WILL START IMMEDIATELY, WITH A TARGET DATE OF COMPLETING THIS PORTION WITHIN THREE YEARS. PURNOMOSIDI SAID ONE OF THE GREATEST HANDICAPS TO RAPID PROGRESS WAS THE LACK OF TRAINED PERSONNEL. THE GOI WANTED TO USE PEOPLE FROM EAST TIMOR TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, BUT AS ONLY ONE EXAMPLE OF THE PROBLEM, THE LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, AN EAST TIMORESE, HAD ONLY AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EDUCATION. PURNOMOSIDI ADDED THAT THE FOUR MINISTERS HAD REPORTED TO SUHARTO ON JUNE 28 AND HAD BEEN TOLD TO MOVE AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA.

4. COMMENT: THE GOI IS CONTINUING ITS EFFORTS TO INTEGRATE EAST TIMOR INTO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AS RAPIDLY AS RESOURCES AND THE SECURITY SITUATION PERMIT. MASTERS

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